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SUBJ: HURRICANE FIFI - THIRD ECONOMIC DAMAGE ESTIMATE

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1. SPECIFIC DAMAGE REPORTS ON CORN, BEANS AND RICE PROVIDE BASIS FOLLOWING ESTIMATES OF IMPACT HURRICANE ON KEY STAPLE CROPS. DATA DOES NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POSITION. CORN APPEARS TO BE MOST DAMAGED WHILE BEANS AND RICE WERE RELATIVELY UNAFFECTED.

2. RICE PRODUCTION OF 24,000 METRIC TONS WAS EXPECTED IN 1974. ABOUT ONE-HALF FROM THE HURRICANE AFFECTED AREAS. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE THE RICE CROPS, DUE FOR HARVEST IN TWO MONTHS, NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

3. BEANS EXPECTED PRODUCTION IN 1974-1975 60.000 METRIC TONS. FIRST BEAN CROP HARVEST IN SEPTEMBER. SECOND BEAN CROP NOW DUE FOR PLANTING IS THE LARGEST. ACTUAL LOSS OF BEANS, THEREFORE, UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT GREAT AND HIGHEST ESTIMATE IF FOR 10 PER CENT LOSS.

BANCO NACIONAL DE FORMENTO (BNF) HAS BEANS STORED OF APPROXIMATELY 4,600 METRIC TONS. THIS NEARLY COVERS EXPECTED BEEN LOSS DUE TO HURRICANE.

4. CORN EXPECTED PRODUCTION IN 1974-1975 330,000 METRIC TONS. CORN CROP IN DAMAGED AREA WAS IN PREPARATION FOR HARVEST. THEREFORE, FIRST CROP BADLY DAMAGED. AVERAGE BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW ESTIMATED LOSS OF CROP WOULD BE 30 PER CENT OF ABOVE FIGURE OR APPROXIMATELY 100,000 METRIC TONS. SECOND CORN CROP PLANTINGS WILL BE ENCOURAGED BY BNF THROUGH HIGHER GUARANTEED PURCHASE PRICE. BNF STOCK OF CORN APPROXIMATELY 8,000 METRIC TONS. CORN, THEREFORE, A CRITICAL SUPPLY ELEMENT AS THE FUNDAMENTAL DIETARY STAPLE OF HONDURAS. PRICE STRUCTURE IN HONDURAS FOR CORN SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THAT OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, NONE OF WHOM HAVE CORN STOCKS FOR EXPORT. IMPLICATION IS THAT CORN PRICE WILL INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY BOTH BECAUSE OF BNF GUARANTEED PRICE AND BECAUSE OF NECESSITY TO OBTAIN IMPORTS TO MAKE UP SHORTFALL EXPECTED FROM SECOND CROP.

5. STOCKS OF CORN, BEANS AND RICE SUFFICIENT FOR FOUR MONTHS BUT IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT SUBSTITUTIONS OF RICE AND BEANS FOR CORN SHORTFALL WILL BE POSSIBLE AND, THEREFORE, IMPORTS WILL BE NECESSARY.
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